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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH ASEAN GROUP ON MTN IN SINGAPORE

REF: A) GENEVA 3820, B) STATE 064503

1. ECON COUNSELOR HAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PROPOSED ASEAN-US MEETING ON MTN IN SINGAPORE WITH LEONG CHEE WHY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. LEONG STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MEETING FOR SINGAPORE. HE SAID SINGAPORE IS READY TO NEGOTIATE MUTUAL TRADE CONCESSIONS, BUT CANNOT AFFORD ALONE TO BREAK RANKS WITH G-77, WHOSE POSITION CONTINUES TO BE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT CONCESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES BEFORE LDCE MAKE THEIR OWN OFFERS. IF, HOWEVER, THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES CAN BE BROUGHT ALONG, SINGAPORE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROCEED TO ACTIVE

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NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE ASEAN UMBRELLA.

2. ASKED WHETHER ASEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE READY FOR BRASS TACKS NEGOTIATIONS BY EARLY APRIL, LEONG SAID SINGAPORE WILL BE, MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE, BUT HE WAS LESS SURE OF INDONESIA AND THAILAND.

3. LEONG SUGGESTED THAT US TEAM MIGHT STAY ON IN SINGAPORE AFTER ASEAN-US MEETING TO CONTINUE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SINGAPORE.

4. LEONG SAID GOS WILL VERY SHORTLY REINFORCE ITS GENEVA MTN DELEGATION. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, LEONG WOULD HAVE HEADED GOS DELEGATION IN GENEVA, BUT WILL NOW STAY HERE UNTIL AFTER ASEAN-US TALKS IN APRIL. ACCORDING TO MFA ECONOMIC DIVISION DIRECTOR, LEE CHIONG GIAM, WEE ENG LIM OF HIS STAFF AND ANTHONY CHNG AND PETER KOK OF TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADDED TO GOS GENEVA STAFF.
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